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Celebrate Presidents Month & Black History Month at the Carter Library



Atlanta, GA.— As part of its Presidents Month celebration, the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum is proud to host members of the Southern Order of Storytellers for a performance of "Campaign Trails-Off the Beaten Path" this Saturday afternoon.

The celebration continues next week with free lectures about the first modern presidential press secretary, conservation in Alaska and the 1873 racial massacre in Colfax, Louisiana.

Storytellers Jane Thomaston, Natalie Jones, Jane Sullivan, Phil Kaplan and Janice Butt will tell tales of JFK and FDR, Dolly Madison and James Polk and much more. On Saturday, February 16th. You won't want to miss these fascinating and often humorous tales.

The hour-long performance begins at 2 p.m. in the Carter Museum Theater. The performance is free with your paid museum admission.

On Wednesday, February 20th, author Linda Levin will discuss her new book, "Making of FDR:The Story of Stephen Early, America's First Modern Press Secretary." The 7pm lecture and book signing is co-sponsored by the Georgia Center for the Book and is free and open to the public. "As the press secretary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, he was chiefly responsible for getting the president's message out to the press and he helped to shape Roosevelt's image in the eyes of Americans through the dramatic years of the Great Depression and World War II."

The following day, Thursday, February 21st, The Nature Conservancy's

Director for Southwest Alaska, Tim Troll will discuss effort's to preserve land in Alaska nearly 30 years after President Carter signed the Alaska National Interest Conservation Act. Troll's free talk is at 7:00 pm in the Museum theater, but if you arrive early (doors open at 6:00 pm) you'll be able to see at no charge the spectacular photographic exhibit "Southwest Alaska: A World of National Parks and Wildlife Refuges. The Photographs of Robert Glenn Ketchum."

Join us on Friday, February 22nd for LeeAnna Keith's talk about the 1873 Easter Sunday racial violence in Colfax, Louisiana. "Her new book "The Colfax Massacre: The Untold Story of Black Power, White Terror and the Death of Reconstruction" describes the day when more than 150 members of an all-Black Republican militia, defending their town's courthouse, were slain by an armed force of white supremacists. C-SPANs Book TV will be recording the lecture for presentation on television. The 7:00 pm lecture and booksigning is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 404-865-7100 or visit www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov.

